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Brig. General A. J. Goodpaster, Jr., USA
Staff Secretary
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Andy:

I return herewith the letter to the President from Eli Ginsberg with the enclosed article by Nathaniel Peffer from the December 1956 issue of the Political Science Quarterly. I have known Nat Peffer well and have always found him a pungent writer on Far Eastern affairs. He rather likes to provoke debate by provocative statements but is a serious student of the subject.

The author's historical analysis is essentially sound. I believe his economic forecasts are somewhat too pessimistic from the Red Chinese viewpoint in implying that it will be decades before China is a significant world power by itself. It is our estimate that in some ten years from now, China will be contesting with England, West Germany and Japan for the title of the world's third most important industrial power. In fact, I believe China is to be taken somewhat more seriously than Nat Peffer would suggest. The policy considerations in his article are for others to pass upon.

Faithfully yours,

SIGNED

Allen W. Dulles
Director

Enclosure

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Remarks:

Bob: The Director has read this and said he wanted to talk to you about this. He also commented he wanted to send a little note back to the White House.

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